



Eastbay Astronomical Society Presents: 2013 Awards Dinner

When: Saturday 6:00 – 9:00PM

Where: Chabot Space and Science Center; Galileo Room

It's that time of year for our club to honor our accomplished members with a special event, including: catered dinner, door prizes, a ceremony for the 2013 Helen Pillans Awardee, and our wonderful keynote science speaker!

“When Will We Find ET and What Happens If We Do?”

Seth Shostak, Senior Astronomer at the SETI Institute

The scientific hunt for extraterrestrial intelligence is now into its fifth decade, and we still haven't uncovered a confirmed “peep” from any cosmic company. Could this mean that finding aliens, even if they exist, is a project for the ages – one that might take centuries or longer?

New technologies for use in the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) suggest that, despite the continued dearth of signals, there is good reason to expect that success might be just around the corner – that we might find evidence of sophisticated civilizations within a few decades.

Why this might be more than wishful thinking and what contact would mean are the subjects of this talk on the continuing efforts to establish our place in the universe of thinking beings



Biography of Speaker

Seth is the Senior Astronomer at the SETI Institute in Mountain View, California. He has an undergraduate degree in physics from Princeton University and a doctorate in astronomy from Caltech. For much of his career, Seth conducted radio astronomy research on galaxies, and has published approximately sixty papers in professional journals.

He has written more than four hundred popular magazine, newspaper and Web articles on various topics in astronomy, technology, film and television. He lectures on astronomy and other subjects at Stanford and other venues in the Bay Area, and for six years was a Distinguished Speaker for the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. Every week he hosts the SETI Institute's science radio show, “Big Picture Science”

Seth has written, edited and contributed to a half dozen books. His most recent tome is Confessions of an Alien Hunter: A Scientist's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (National Geographic).

*The fee for attending the Dinner is: **\$35 /per person**. Visit <http://www.eastbayastro.org> to sign up.
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